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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket: 1302-49 (US142693-6)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Joshi et al.

Examiner: S.K. Poulos

Serial No.: 10/617,165

Group: Art Unit 1714

Filed: July 8, 2003

For: SILICA RUBBER MIXTURES HAVING IMPROVED HARDNESS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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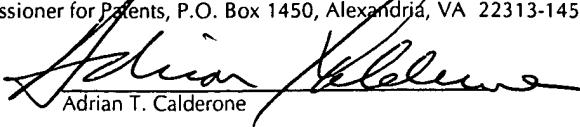
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

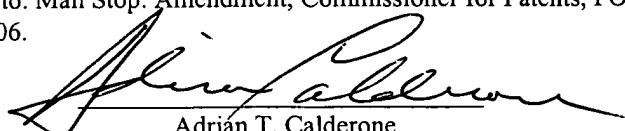
Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

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